

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/748,529

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: UV- OR HEAT-TRIGGERED LOW OXYGEN PACKAGING SYSTEM EMPLOYING AN OXIDIZABLE

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Confirmation No.: 4199

Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: Joseph David Anthony

Attorney Docket: 2039.006200/RFE

CUSTOMER NO. 37774

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2003

MAIL STOP AF
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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April 6, 2004

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This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated November 7, 2003, for which the three-month date for response was February 7, 2004. A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month

extension will bring the due date to Wednesday, April 7, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2039.006200RFE.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.